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CHARGES FOR GINNING COTTON, COSTS OF SELECTED SERVICES INCIDENT
TO MARKETING, AND RELATED INFORMATION, SEASON 1958-59 ^{1/}

Ginning charges.--Cotton growers in the United States paid an average of \$14.75 for ginning and wrapping a 500-pound gross-weight bale of upland cotton during the 1958-59 season, up slightly from \$14.51 in 1957-58. Charges for bagging and ties, when assessed separately, averaged \$4.20 per bale, about unchanged from the previous year. By States, changes this season from the previous season in average charges for ginning and wrapping amounted to less than 50 cents per bale in 10 States. Changes in excess of this amount consisted of increases in California, Georgia, Louisiana, and Virginia, and decreases in Florida and Oklahoma. Roller gins in 1958-59 charged \$25.21 per bale on the average for ginning and wrapping the approximately 82,000 bales of American-Egyptian cotton, compared with \$25.64 in 1957-58.

Methods of harvesting.--For the Cotton Belt as a whole, the proportion of upland cotton hand-picked and machine stripped was unchanged from the 1957-58 season at 44 and 13 percent, respectively. Hand snapping, as a method of harvest, declined slightly from the 1957-58 season, while machine picking increased moderately, with approximately one-fifth of the 1958-59 crop harvested by each of these methods. In general, hand picking was unchanged or up from the previous year in all States except California, New Mexico, and Texas, while hand snapping was unchanged or down in all States except Oklahoma and Texas. Machine picking increased across the Belt except for Arizona and the Southeastern States. Machine stripping was again confined chiefly to the Southwestern region.

Pounds of seed cotton required for a 500-pound gross-weight bale.--Standard-weight bales of upland cotton in 1958-59 required 1,428 pounds of handpicked cotton, 1,906 pounds of hand-snapped cotton, 1,484 pounds of machine-picked cotton, and 2,075 pounds of machine-stripped cotton, as compared with 1,430, 1,989, 1,492, and 2,261 pounds, respectively, in 1957-58. A 500-pound bale of American-Egyptian cotton in 1958-59 required 1,524 pounds of handpicked cotton or 1,529 pounds of machine-picked cotton.

Purchases of cotton by ginners.--Cotton growers sold only 11 percent of the 1958-59 crop to ginners, compared with 20 percent the previous year. This decreased use of ginners as a marketing outlet is consistent with the record high entry of cotton into the Government loan program this season.

Selected services incident to marketing.--Average charges in 1958-59 by public storage establishments remained practically unchanged from the 1957-58 season, with receiving charges at 81 cents per bale, storage per month at 49 cents per bale, and compression at \$1.43 and \$1.65 per bale, respectively, for standard-density and high-density cotton.

^{1/} Primary data were collected by field representatives of the Cotton Division and were tabulated in the Market Organization and Costs Branch, Marketing Research Division. The report was made possible by the Beltwide cooperation of ginners, compressmen, and warehousemen.

(See reverse side of this sheet for more detailed figures by States.)

Average charges for ginning upland cotton, average charges for selected services incident to marketing, and related information, by State, season 1958-59

Items	U. S.	Ala.	Ariz.	Ark.	Calif.	Fla.	Ga.	La.	Miss.	Mo.	N. Mex.	N. C.	Okla.	S. C.	Tenn.	Tex.	Ve.
BALES GINNED (Running bales).....	11,344	442	697	923	1,624	6	349	293	953	285	267	261	308	302	411	4,209	8
CHARGES FOR GINNING AND WRAPPING UPLAND COTTON:																	
Total charge per 500-pound gross-weight bale $\frac{1}{2}$	14.75	10.27	14.84	16.14	15.92	11.66	11.05	14.60	13.15	18.32	13.80	12.19	15.49	11.50	13.44	15.40	10.22
Charge per bale for bagging and ties when assessed separately.....	4.20	3.56	2/	4.19	2/	3.50	3.57	4.37	4.41	4.86	4.05	3.59	4.00	3.49	4.52	4.26	2.50
METHOD OF HARVESTING:																	
Hand-picked.....	44	96	43	68	28	86	97	53	80	63	54	99	2	99	85	16	100
Hand-snapped.....	22	3	6	10	1	4	1	4	1	14	8	3/	63	--	11	49	--
Machine-picked.....	21	1	51	22	71	10	2	43	19	23	34	1	3/	1	4	4	--
Machine-stripped.....	13	--	3/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	--	35	--	--	31	--
WEIGHT OF SEED COTTON PER 500-POUND BALE:																	
Hand-picked.....	1,428	1,459	1,459	1,466	1,370	1,474	1,373	1,373	1,373	1,514	1,383	1,426	1,426	1,426	1,454	1,452	2/
Hand-snapped.....	1,906	2,206	2,206	2,212	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	2,232	--
Machine-picked.....	1,484	1,490	1,490	1,499	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,585	1,413	1,413	1,413	1,413	1,410	1,412	--
Machine-stripped.....	2,075	5/	5/	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,218	2,037	2,037	2,037	2,076	2,076	--
PROPORTION OF PRODUCTION PURCHASED FROM GROWERS BY GINNERS:																	
Purchased as seed cotton.....	1	1	--	1	--	2	3/	3/	3/	1	--	11	1	3/	4	3/	54
Purchased as baled lint.....	10	15	1	15	1	35	14	19	3	42	--	16	5	37	32	9	2
CHARGES FOR WAREHOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES:																	
Charge per bale for receiving cotton at public cotton storage establishments.....	81	72	100	67	100	2/	68	75	65	65	98	44	74	45	68	86	2/
Charge per bale per month for storage $\frac{6}{100}$	49	54	45	47	43	2/	55	48	46	46	49	49	50	51	47	52	2/
Charge per bale for compressing cotton to--																	
Standard density.....	1.43	1.29	1.60	1.02	1.68	2/	1.30	1.24	1.05	1.00	1.72	2/	1.40	1.33	1.00	1.62	--
High density.....	1.65	1.47	1.70	1.40	1.81	2/	1.43	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.80	--	1.50	1.38	1.40	1.63	--

1/ Includes charges for drying seed cotton or for use of lint cleaners. Separate charges, however, for such services have been disappearing rapidly in the past few seasons and were insignificant in the 1958-59 season. 2/ Insufficient data. 3/ Less than 0.5 percent. 4/ Seed cotton customarily not weighed. 5/ Insignificant proportion of cotton harvested by this method. 6/ Represents charge for insured receipts in all States except California, where charge does not include insurance.

Based on findings reported by the U. S. Bureau of the Census, March 24, 1959. United States total includes minor cotton-producing States not shown individually.

